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My name is Brendan Gilligan. I have been a resident of Killingly CT since 2001. I graduated killingly high school, and went on to graduate from QVCC. Me and my father own and operate a small business out of Dayville CT. I just wanted to introduce a little about myself before I write to you regarding Governor Ned Lamont's proposed Comprehensive Package of Legislative Proposals on Gun Violence.

I believe there are many components in this package that overstep boundaries and rights given to us by the constitution of the United States. I do not appreciate many of the proposals in this package. Ned Lamont believes these proposals will help keep people safe from gun violence, but he apparently refuses to understand the root causes of gun violence, and also does not care about supporters of the second amendment who are good law abiding citizens. For example; This proposed package wishes to "close loopholes in assault weapons laws" which will ban many very popular guns. These "assault weapons" (I would like to note the term assault weapon was a term created by anti-gun organizations to incite fear) costs upwards of \$1000 and what Ned Lamont doesn't take into consideration is firstly, that a common criminal isn't going to have thousands of dollars to spend on an AR-15 to commit a crime. Secondly a criminal isn't going to have a pistol permit, or legal way to purchase an "assault rifle" anyways. Criminals get their cheap pistols in cheap back alley deals. I have yet to see any data that supports legally sold "assault rifles" are creating an influx of crime anywhere in CT or the USA for that matter.

Another major concern I have is with the proposal to do a mental screening on somebody before allowing them to have their pistol permit. Who or what determines if someone is "mentally capable" to have their permit? I think this is why we have doctors, and professional medical personnel. When purchasing a firearm as well as getting your permit, you need to inform if you have ever had any hospitalizations to do with mental health. This is a very dangerous proposal, because who will determine what is mentally stable? I feel this is just a big way to put down and control law abiding citizens who could get labeled as not mentally stable maybe just because they support republican and the state is currently democratic. I believe judging of mental health should be left to medical professionals and not government. In fact I think Government judging mental health is an extremely scary thing.

Another large issue I have with Ned Lamont's proposal is the fact he wants to modify carry laws to make it illegal to carry your firearm in even more places than it is currently. Connecticut already has a list of places where you cannot carry your legal firearm. We do not need even more of our rights stripped, and be told where to not carry. The second amendment says nothing about restricting where arms should be carried. I would also like to point out that while all of the places where Ned Lamont is proposing carrying guns should be illegal, it will still be allowed for police officers to carry their gun in these same places. How can it possibly be correct that where a police officer can carry a gun, a upstanding law abiding citizen can not? Where are the checks and balances?

I can carry on and on about my major concerns and issues with the Comprehensive Package of Legislative Proposals on Gun Violence. My main concern is it will do nothing to curve gun violence or illegal gun activity, it will only be hurting law abiding citizens. I intend to do everything I can to stop this bill from passing and I know many other upstanding citizens of Connecticut who are doing the same. These people are business owners, correctional officers, school teachers and other ordinary people who help make up our Connecticut community who also refuse to sit by and do nothing as Ned Lamont tries to overstep our rights under the second amendment.

Bill 16 must not be passed

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